(c) These projects are proposed to be implemented by a developer to be selected through tariff based competitive bidding. The cost details, tariff etc. would be known after the competitive bidding process and selection of the developer.

(d) Yes, Sir, CEA and other agencies are involved in the selection of sites for these Mega Projects across the country.

(e) to (g) M/s APGENCO has proposed to set up Mega coastal thermal power project at Krishnapatnam of 2x800 MW capacity in Andhra Pradesh. They are in the process of tying up various inputs/clearances for this project. However, the identification of the sites for the ultra mega projects of 4000 MW + capacity is still in a preliminary stage.

Reforms in power sector

†1594. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that speedy power development and improvement programme was launched by Government to introduce reforms in the power sector during last few years;

(b) if so, when was it initiated and the amount incurred by March, 2005 under this programme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that desired benefit has not been achieved under the above said programme; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the future plan regarding the operation of said programme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government had launched Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) in the year 2002-03 in order to reduce Aggregate Technical and Commercial losses, improving quality of supply of power, increasing revenue collection and improving consumer satisfaction. APDRP has been put in place as an instrument to leverage distribution reforms in the State. The said programme has two components *viz.*

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(i) investment component and (ii) incentive component. Under investment component, funds are released as Additional Central Plan Assistance to the States for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system. Under the incentive component of APDRP, 50% of the actual cash loss reduction effected is given as grant to such Utilities that reduces cash losses over the base year of 2000-01. The Government has sanctioned projects amounting to Rs. 19182.33 crores under investment component of APDRP so far, out of which APDRP component is Rs. 11279.87 crores and the Government has already released an amount of Rs. 5642.56 crores under this component of programme. An aggregate amount of Rs. 1471.36 crore has been released as incentive to seven States under incentive component of APDRP.

(c) The achievements and APDRP are:

i. 13 States have corporatised/unbundled their State Electricity Boards (SEBs)

ii. 24 States have constituted State Electricity Regulatory Commissions

iii. 19 States have issued tariff orders

iv. The national average transmission and distribution (T&D) loss has reduced from 33.98% during 2001-02 to 32.53% during 2003-04.

v. The States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and West Bengal have shown reduction in cash losses. The details are under;

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of States	Year	Reduction in cash losses	Incentive Released
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2002-03	530.22	265.11
2.	Gujarat	2001-02	472.76	236.38
		2002-03	296.16	148.08
3.	Haryana	2001-02	210.98	105.49

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Kerala	2002-03	129.88	64.94
5.	Maharashtra	2001-02	275.78	137.89
6.	Rajasthan	2001-02	275.42	137.71
7.	West Bengal	2002-03	275.42	73.00
		2003-04	605.52	302.76
	TOTAL:		2942.72	1471.36

vi. At national level 98% feeders have been metered as against 81% metered during 2001-02. 100% feeders metering have been achieved in 20 States.

vii. 100% consumer metering has been achieved in 5 States, 9 States have achieved more than 90%. Overall 87% of the consumers have been metered in the country against 78% during the year 2001-02.

(d) The Government has decided to cover all the District Headquarters under the programme.

National Transmission Plan

1595. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Electricity Authority has formulated National Transmission Plan with an objective to achieve an inter-regional transmission capacity of 16450 MW by the end of Tenth Plan and about 37150 MW by the end of Eleventh Plan; and

(b) whether draft NTP has been prepared covering various transmission plans in 2011-12 which are on the update generation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir, towards fulfilment of the requirement as mandated in section 3(4) of Electricity Act, 2003, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has prepared the "Draft National